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Subject: Tropical Storm Dorian Update #2

RICT,

Situation. At 8:00am AST, the center of Tropical Storm Dorian was located 15 miles west-northwest of St. Lucia with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph. Dorian is moving west-northwest near 13 mph and is expected to move across the eastern and northeastern Caribbean Sea during the next few days. Dorian is forecast to pass near or south of Puerto Rico on Wednesday, move near or over eastern Hispaniola Wednesday night, and move north of Hispaniola on Thursday. Slow strengthening is expected during the next 48 hours, and Dorian is forecast to be near hurricane strength when it moves close to Puerto Rico and eastern Hispaniola. Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic are currently under a hurricane watch. Tropical Storm force winds are expected to impact South Florida late Friday night and Early Saturday morning.



Key Messages for Tropical Storm Dorian

Advisory 12: 5:00 AM AST Tue Aug 27, 2019

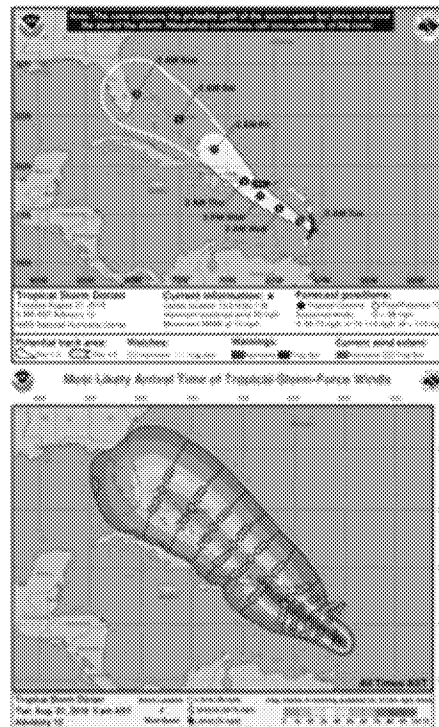


1. Dorian is expected to bring tropical storm conditions to portions of the Lesser Antilles during the next several hours, where tropical storm watches and warnings are in effect. Rainfall of 3 to 6 inches is expected from Martinique to St. Vincent with isolated totals as high as 10 inches possible.

2. Tropical storm conditions are expected and hurricane conditions are possible in Puerto Rico on Wednesday, where a tropical storm warning and hurricane watch have been issued. Rainfall of 2 to 4 inches with maximum totals of 6 inches are possible across Puerto Rico and St. Croix.

3. Hurricane and Tropical Storm Watches have been issued for portions of the Dominican Republic.

4. While uncertainty remains high, wind and rain impacts are possible in the Bahamas and Florida later this week and this weekend. Residents in these areas should monitor the progress of Dorian and ensure that they have their hurricane plan in place.



For more information go to hurricanes.gov

EPA Actions.

FEMA Region 2 is not activating its Regional Response Coordination Center for Dorian, in order to mobilize as many of its resources directly to Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as possible. Instead, Region 2 will integrate personnel into the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC). EPA Region 2 is deploying an ESF-10 desk representative to Washington, DC on Tuesday, 8/27, and will staff the NRCC beginning on Wednesday, 8/28. The Region 2 EOC is identifying the availability of Region 2 personnel to support response activities. The EPA HQ EOC is coordinating with Region 2 and has developed a HQ ESF-10 desk representative schedule in the event that an HQ representative is needed to support the Region 2 representative. The HQ EOC is at Enhanced Watch and will continue to monitor the storm and coordinate with Region 2.

- We have created a website to support the TS Dorian response at <https://response.epa.gov/TS-Dorian>
- Our response contingency plan, mobilization/demobilization plan, and initial command structure are posted to the site.
- We have developed our staffing plan for a potential deployment to PR and to staff the REOC.
- We are coordinating our outreach with the CEPD staff.
- We sent our hurricane preparedness information to the RMP and FRP facilities in Puerto Rico and the VI. And we requested that - if a facility has a potential vulnerability such as on-going construction, unsecured tanks, is located in a very low lying area or if any other situation exists which they feel may increase their chance of experiencing a hazardous material release - that they respond back to us. In addition, we made calls to Limetree Bay and to the PREPA and PRASA facilities in PR and the VI. Of the 56 RMP regulated facilities in PR and the VI, 37 are PRASA facilities. Of the 33 FRP regulated facilities in PR and the VI, 6 are PREPA facilities. We expect hear from the facilities today.
- We have identified the NPL, removal, and oil sites and will be receiving initial assessment information today.

- We have made contact with EPA Regions 1 and 3 for additional support should we need it. Because of the future unknown track of the storm I am not going to engage our secondary backup Region which is Region 6.

Regards,

Eric

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